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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Youichi YAMAGUCHI et al.  
Serial No: Not assigned  
Filed: October 4, 2005  
For: Balloon Catheter and Method of  
Manufacturing the Same

Art Unit: Not assigned  
Examiner: Not assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP PCT  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the present application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.**